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FOR: WRAMPPELMEIER, NEA/ARP

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SUBJ: VISIT OF MR. TEODORO MOSCOSO TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED WORD FROM FORMER GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO, TEODORO MOSCOSO (NOW HEAD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO), THAT HE, HIS WIFE, AND A STAFF ASSISTANT PLAN TO ARRIVE JIDDA FEBRUARY 14. MOSCOSOS WOULD BE IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR A FEW DAYS AT LEAST.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE DESK PASSING FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MR. MOSCOSO FROM AMBASSADOR: "AM MOST PLEASED TO LEARN YOU PLAN TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA; WE WOULD BE HAPPY IF YOU AND MRS. MOSCOSO, AND ALSO MR. CLARK, WOULD BE OUR HOUSE GUESTS DURING YOUR VISIT TO JIDDA.

3. "AS TO TIMING OF VISIT, HOWEVER, RECOMMEND THAT FINAL DECISION ON DATES AWAIT LIFTING OF ARAB OIL BOYCOTT. ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH SAUDI OFFICIALS ON OIL MATTERS ARE LIKELY TO BE UNTIL#TENTATIVE AND INCONCLUSIVE. I HOPE OF COURSE THAT BOYCOTT WILL BE LIFTED SOON (THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ADHERE TO YOUR FEBRUARY 14 ETA).

4. "IF BOYCOTT HAS NOT BEEN LIFTED BY FEBRUARY 14, THERE IS ADDITIONAL REASON FOR NOT ARRIVING ON THAT DATE: ARAB OIL MINISTERS WILL BE DISCUSSING BOYCOTT IN TRIPOLI, YAMANI AND HIS SENIOR STAFF WILL PROBABLY BE THERE,
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AND -- SINCE SOME OF THOSE COUNTRIES ATTENDING WILL BE

CRITICIZING U.S. -- THE ATMOSPHERE WOULD BE UNPROPITIOUS.

5. "ACCORDINGLY, YOU MAY WISH TO RECONFIRM YOUR TRAVEL
PLANS SUBSEQUENTLY; WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED IF WE
HAVE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS."

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